



## John Ira Kemp Jr.

September 23, 1931 - October 4, 2018

Mr. John Kemp, father of our own Stephen Kemp, made a peaceful transition in the comfort of his Detroit home on Thursday, October 4, 2018. Please feel free to leave your thoughts and condolences for the family on our online Tribute Wall for your loved one.

# Cemetery Details

## Elmwood Cemetery

1200 Elmwood Street  
Detroit, MI 48207

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **9**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Family Hour

OCT **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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OCT 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John Ira Kemp Jr.*

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September 27, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *John Ira Kemp Jr.*

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September 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM

DW

“ God bless you Wanda, Steve, Jacqueline and Steve Jr. during this difficult time.

We are praying that you look to our Lord and Saviour to see you through this great loss of such a wonderful person cousin Buck.

Thanks to our parents that believed in keeping in touch even though we were miles apart.

We first met our cousin and his sibling brothers along with our cousin Robert Kemp in the mid 40'S during summer visits to our farm in Georgia, where they were introduced to farming 101.

We enjoyed their stay and looked forward to their visits.

I came to Detroit, in the mid 50'S and resided in the home with John Kemp Sr. and family until 1959.

In the Kemp home I was treated like a son and a brother, cousin Buck introduced me to a great number of friends and associates.

I remember cousin Buck had a 1955 Mercury Montclair convertible that was such a thrill for me to drive from time to time.

My cousin visited me in San Diego, after I left Detroit, and we continued to keep in touch we have attend several funerals, Family and School Reunions in Georgia. Our dear cousin will never be forgotten.

Love, Douglas and Jenell Wesley

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**Douglas R. Wesley** - October 13, 2018 at 10:10 PM

DC

“ My deepest condolences to the family of John Kemp. You have my deepest condolences. I pray that God will comfort you at this time of your loss. I was his mail lady, he was such a sweet and kind person. I'm going to miss his dearly. Thanks for you kindness!

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**Deneise Calhoun** - October 10, 2018 at 07:45 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Ira Kemp Jr..



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October 09, 2018 at 04:04 PM



“ All is divine order. Please know that the Kemp family has our deepest sympathy and our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

*The Jordan Family*

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**Tracy Jordan** - October 09, 2018 at 03:58 PM



“ Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories of your father to forever hold in your hearts. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

*Ken & Jennifer Cahall  
Georgetown, OH*

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**Ken & Jennifer Cahall** - October 09, 2018 at 03:54 PM



“ Steve know that Angie & I are keeping you and your family in our prayers.

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**Jeffrey A Fraley** - October 09, 2018 at 10:40 AM

JK

“ Thinking of you, Steve and family our condolences and prayers goes out to you and family during this time of bereavement James Kinsey

James Kinsey - October 09, 2018 at 08:44 AM

TF

“ The Kemp Family;

*Those we love don't ever truly leave us. May you know, time will heal your sadness because there is comfort in beautiful memories.*

*The Koger Family  
( Kim Koger, Margaret Heath and Ruth King)*

The Koger Family - October 08, 2018 at 08:44 PM

LB

*My Condolences to our friends Stephen and Wanda Kemp. John Kemp will be remembered as a Strong man and a Good Father. Jesus Strength and Peace Be Unto To You. Leslie Brown and Family*

Leslie Williams Brown - October 09, 2018 at 05:43 AM

BH

“ Steve and Family; Debbie and I offer our sincere condolences on the loss of your father. Our prayer is that God will wrap his wings of love and protection around you all during this most difficult time. We realize that your father was a man of caring and integrity, because you exemplify those qualities—thus proving that the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. Love and blessings, Ben & Deborah Hodge



Ben Hodge - October 08, 2018 at 07:16 PM

PM

“ Dear Stephen,  
I wish to offer my deepest sympathy to you and your family on the passing of your father. Please know I will hold you in my thoughts and prayers in the days, weeks and months to come. May you find peace and solace in this difficult time.

Blessings,

Peter Morin

Executive Director

New Hampshire Funeral Directors Association

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**Peter Morin** - October 08, 2018 at 01:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Ira Kemp Jr..



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October 08, 2018 at 08:16 AM

 Natalie Moore

“ Kemp Family, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May Gods mercy carry you and his peace sustain you. Sorry we won't physically be there but know that we send our unwavering love.

Mark and Natalie Moore

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**Natalie Moore** - October 07, 2018 at 08:26 PM

EW

“ *Dear Steve and Family,*

*Please accept our sympathy at the death of the patriarch. May God guide you in your grief and bless you in your bereavement.*

*Eugene and Lois Wagner*

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**Eugene Wagner** - October 07, 2018 at 11:39 AM

CJ

“ *Uncle Buck will always have a special place with me. Every time Time we say each other he always asked about my family and have words of encouragement.. To the Kemp Family you know that I love you all and you are always in my prayers..*

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**Costello Simmons Jr** - October 07, 2018 at 09:53 AM

CM

“ *Stephen Kemp, Sr. (And Family)*  
*Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of your father. I'm sure he helped you to develop your strong degree of integrity and professionalism. Cherish the memories.*

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**Charlene Mitchell-Rodgers** - October 06, 2018 at 07:12 PM

GD

“ While I did not have a personal relationship with your father, Steve, I knew him through my relationship with some members of your family; your grandfather, aunt and you. We go back a long way to the 1970s at Vernon Chapel AME Church, in Detroit. We've worshiped together, served together, celebrated together and we morn together, once again.



**Genevieve Clark Dench** - October 06, 2018 at 05:30 PM

GD

*Let not your heart be troubled. Let the peace of Jesus be with the Kemp family. Dan and Genevieve Clark Dench*

**Genevieve Clark Dench** - October 06, 2018 at 05:35 PM

MM

*Stephen Kemp, Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with your family at this most difficult time. Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of your father. I was a student of your's the the old Wayne State Mortuary Science building. 1994 - 1995. Thanks for all you do and all that you have done for the funeral industry. Sincerely, Mark Monahan; V.P. Eagle Funeral Homes.*

**Mark Monahan** - October 07, 2018 at 08:42 PM

EC

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Elmwood Cemetery*

**Elmwood Cemetery** - October 09, 2018 at 03:41 PM

RB

“ Condolences to the family. 🙏 Uncle Buck was Loved by all and will be missed. May you find comfort in knowing we are thinking of you and praying for you.

Love,  
Gerald and Rhonda



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**Rhonda Bealore** - October 06, 2018 at 04:35 PM

CP

“ He is affectionately known by all who knew him, “Uncle Buck”. He was a gentle giant and a Christian Man who loved his Family and Church. RIP my dear friend, you will be missed.

Curtis and Vertricia Perry

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**Curtis and Vertricia Perry** - October 06, 2018 at 08:34 AM



To Stephen and the Kemp Family we share your grief in the time of your loss, we would always remenis of the times that we spent together on the farm in Ga. Love to you and the Family. W Wesley and Family

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**Walter Wesley** - October 09, 2018 at 03:32 PM



To Stephen and Family we are with you.

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**Walter Wesley** - October 09, 2018 at 03:34 PM

CA

“ Thinking of the Kemp family during this time and remembering Uncle Buck always there to greet me at the top of the stairs at church. He was a great man who left behind a great legacy.

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**Charise Anderson** - October 05, 2018 at 09:02 PM